

PLAN REVIEW SHEET

Date: August 24, 2020

Petition #: RZP 2020-090

Address: Remount Road

Request: TOD-CC

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For over 20 years the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) has identified Independence Blvd as a rapid transit corridor. Various transit stations and vehicle technology have been studied during that time. In 2016, a 13 mile LYNX Silver light rail Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) from Uptown Charlotte to the Town of Matthews was adopted by the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC). In November 2017, CATS staff began identifying alternative Silver Line light rail corridor alignments from Center City to Gaston County. with the goal of completing the complete east - west Silver Line system by the year 2030. In January 2019, CATS staff recommended that the Southeast LYNX Silver Line continue through Uptown Charlotte to Wilkinson Blvd with a terminus in the City of Belmont in Gaston County. The MTC adopted that recommendation, formally creating a continuous LYNX Silver Line light rail project from the Matthews to Belmont. In 2020 CATS and its partners have started transit oriented development planning and design services in order to advance the project. It is CATS stated goal to complete the LYNX Silver Line by 2030. The subject parcel is within the East Independence Boulevard segment of the Silver Line LPA.

The site associated with Petition #2020-090 is located within .5 mile of the proposed LYNX Silver Line light rail transit corridor and light rail station at Remount Road and Wilkinson Boulevard. CATS staff is in the process of refining the LPA and will begin station area planning in 2021 which will include urban design, land use and infrastructure recommendations. CATS is supportive of zoning districts that allow transit-oriented development form and density within 1 mile of transit stations.